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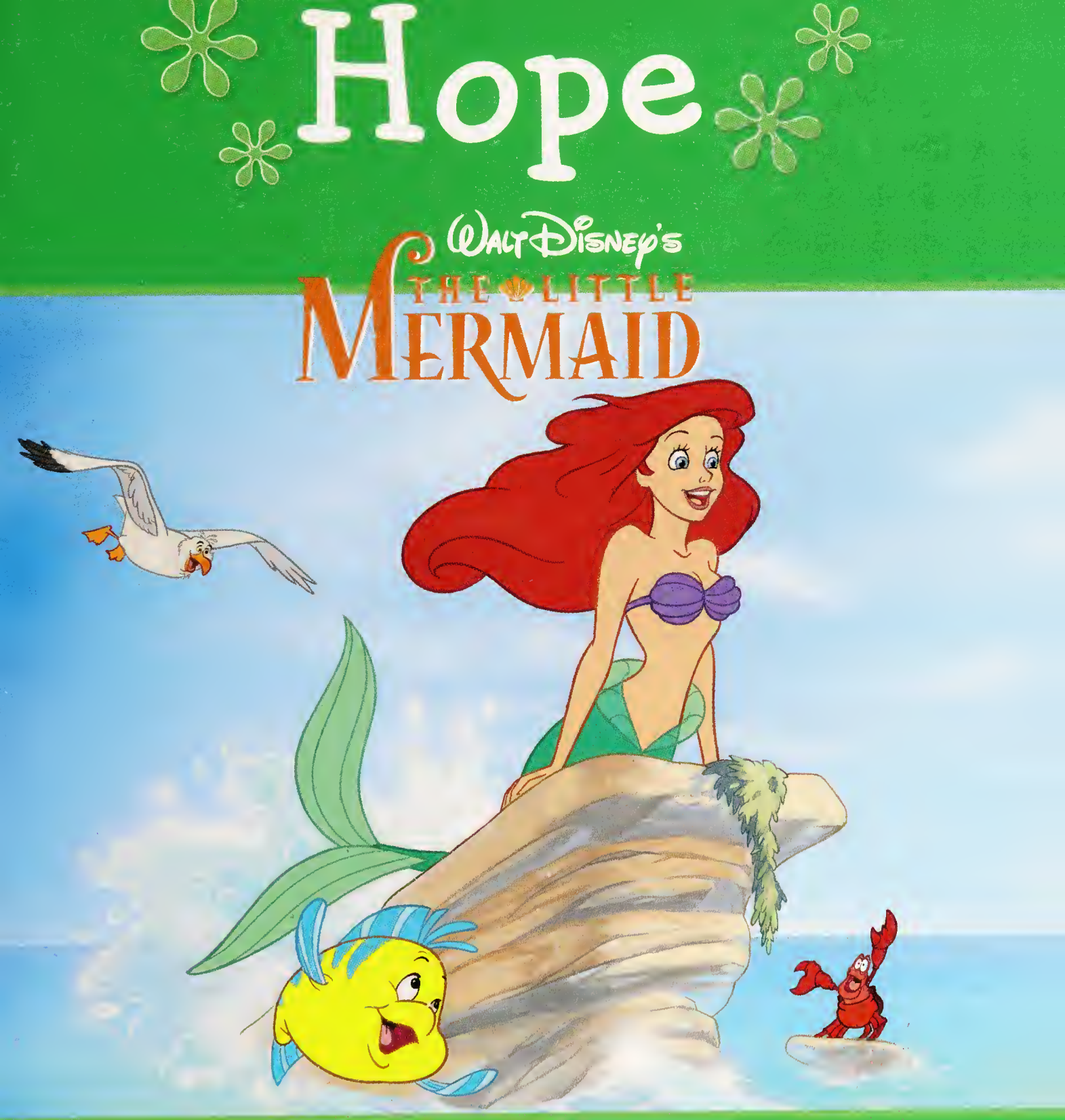

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Ariel was a mermaid who lived under the sea, but her heart belonged to the land.

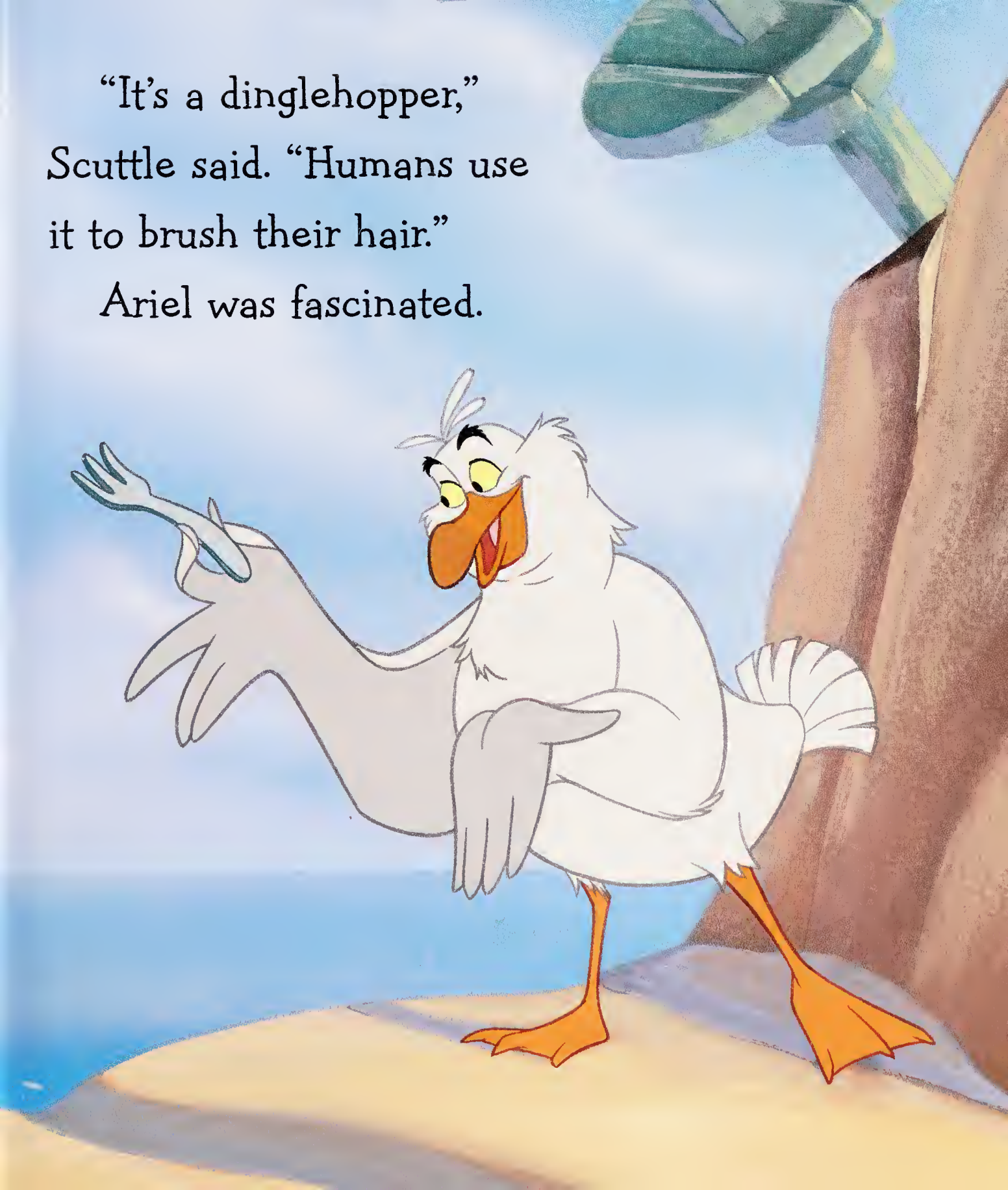
Everywhere Ariel swam, she searched for things from the human world.

"What is this?" she asked her friend Scuttle when she found a fork.

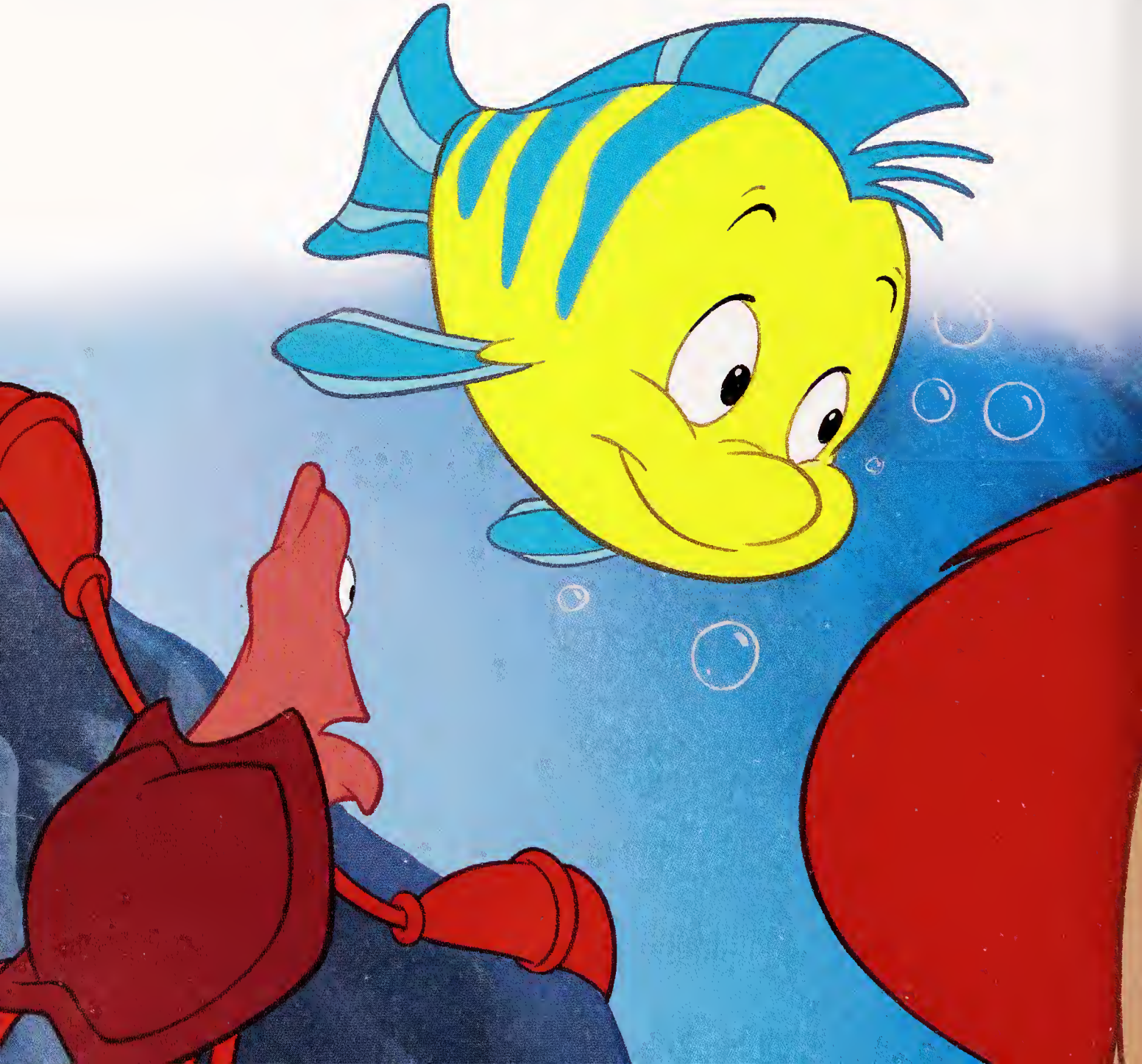
Because he could fly, Scuttle had seen a lot of the human world.

"It's a dinglehopper," Scuttle said. "Humans use it to brush their hair."

Ariel was fascinated.



Ariel told her best friend, Flounder, all her hopes and dreams. Flounder understood, and he helped her collect human treasures and trinkets.



Her father didn't want Ariel getting anywhere near humans, so he sent Sebastian the crab to watch over her. "What do you want with humans anyway?" asked Sebastian.

"I just want to be part of their world," she sighed.

"I have to see him again!" she told Flounder.

Although she loved her mermaid family and life under the sea, Ariel hoped to find a way to live on the land—like a human.

The only way mermaids can live in the human world is to trade their fins for feet.

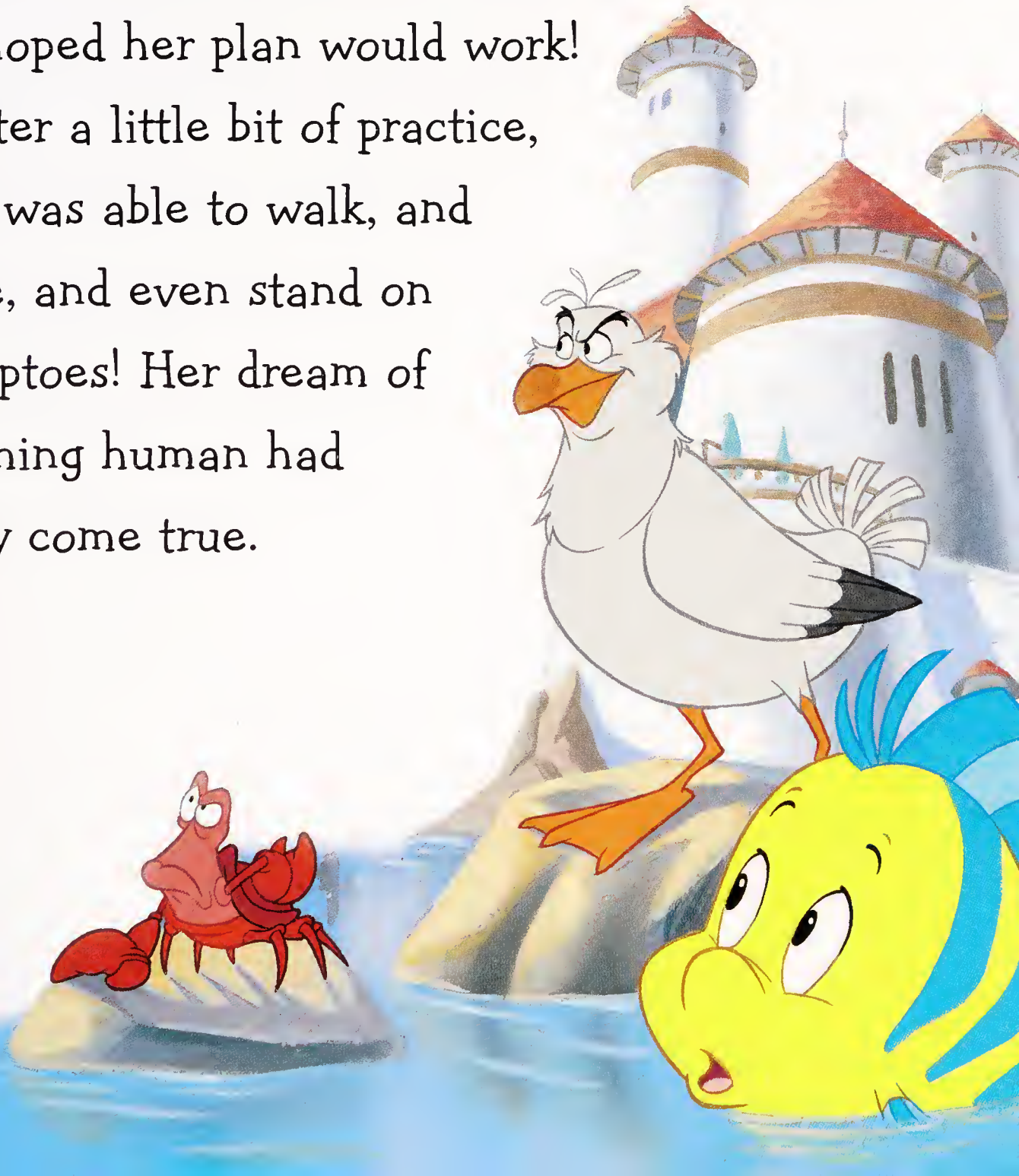
So that's just what Ariel did.

Striking a deal with the sea witch Ursula, Ariel gave up her sweet voice and asked Ursula to work her magic.

"Legs!" shouted Scuttle. "You have legs!"

Ariel wiggled her toes, smiled, and nodded. She hoped her plan would work!

After a little bit of practice, Ariel was able to walk, and dance, and even stand on her tiptoes! Her dream of becoming human had finally come true.



Prince Eric found Ariel on the beach and took her back to his palace. He showed her all the wonders of his kingdom, and before long he had fallen in love with her.

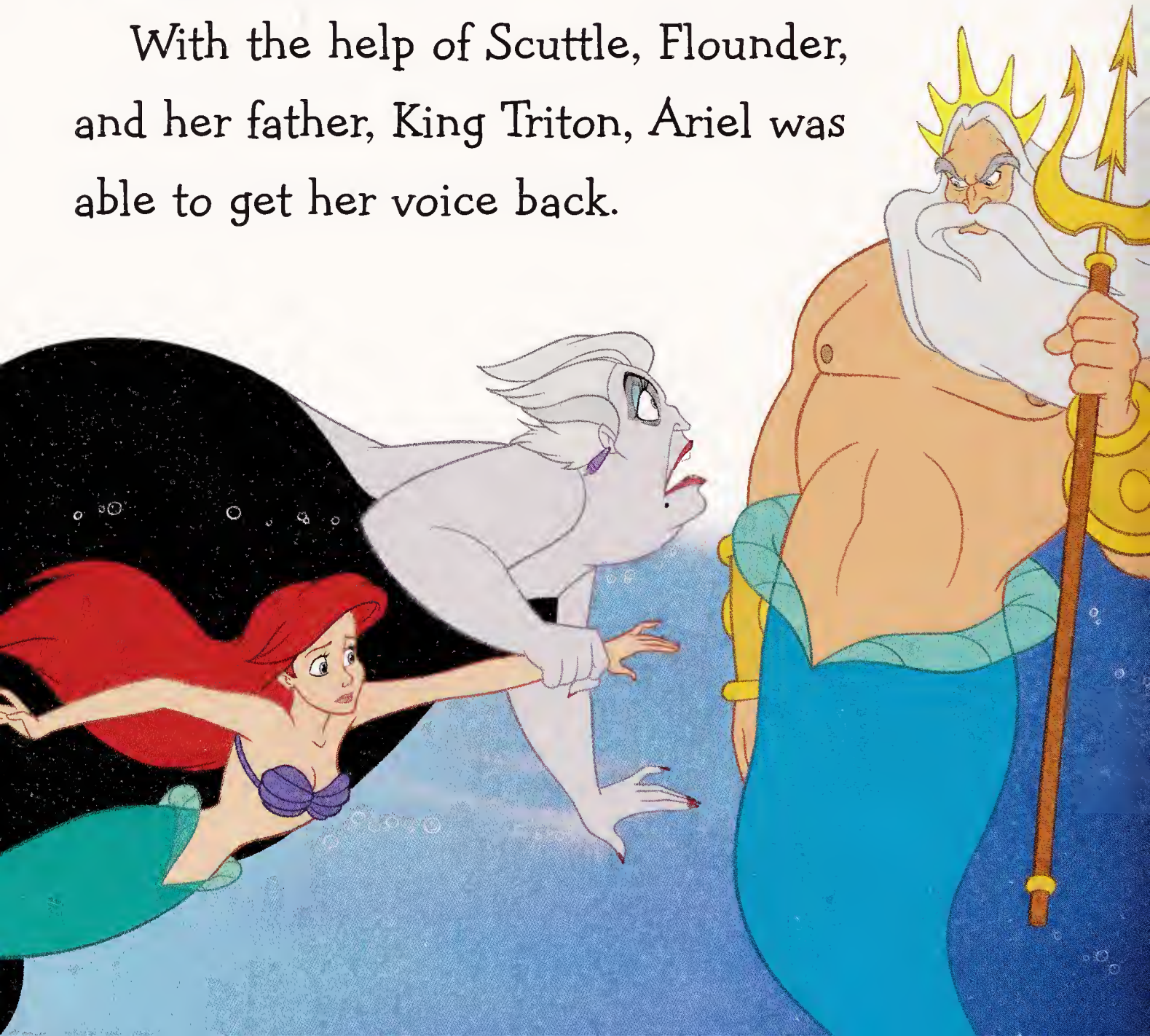
It was just as Ariel had hoped!

But Ursula had other plans. She disguised herself as a beautiful girl called Vanessa and used Ariel's singing voice to confuse Eric.

"Vanessa and I will marry today," Eric said.

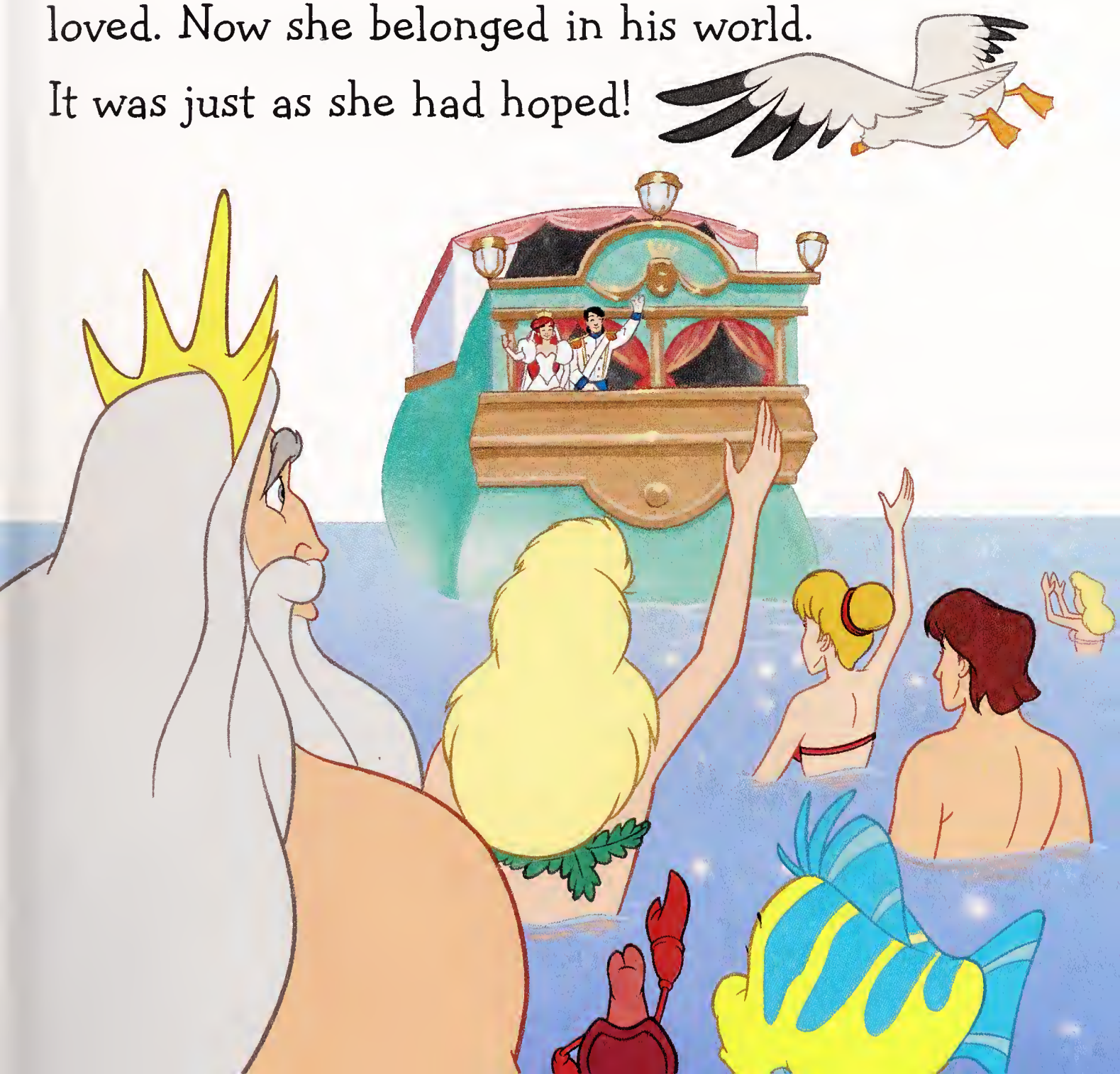
Ariel was crushed. All her hopes and dreams were crumbling before her. "I won't give up," she thought to herself.

With the help of Scuttle, Flounder, and her father, King Triton, Ariel was able to get her voice back.



Suddenly Prince Eric knew she was the one who had saved him. And she was the one he truly loved. Now she belonged in his world.

It was just as she had hoped!



Hope

Hope means believing that something is possible. It is the excitement you feel when you wish for something to happen. The Little Mermaid wanted to be human so that she could love Prince Eric. It seemed impossible — how could a mermaid become human? The Little Mermaid never lost hope. Instead, she did everything she could to make her dreams come true.

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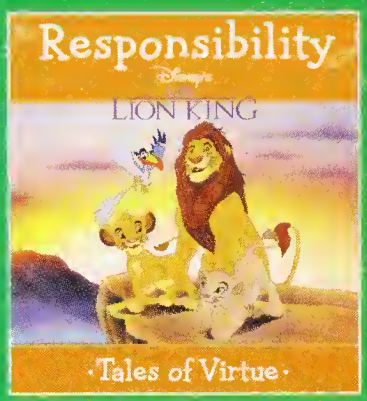

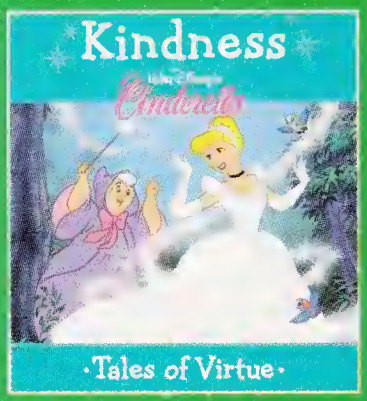

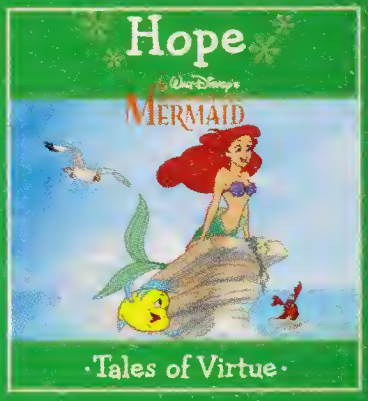

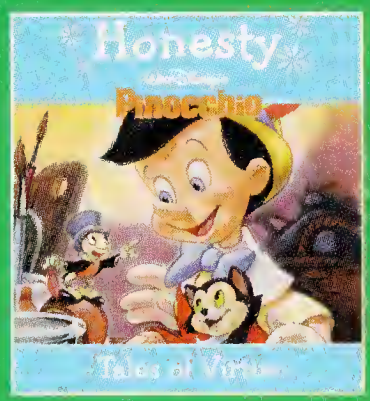

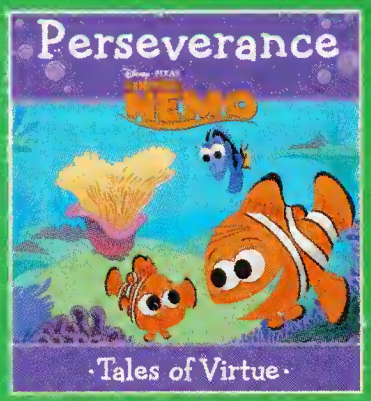

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